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Inventor : Jörg Berthold et al.
Applic. No. : 09/595,860 Group No. : 2811
Filed : June 16, 2000 Examiner : Cuong Q Nguyen
For : Integrated Circuit having a Diffusion Blocker Configured as a Blocker Layer
and Connection Pieces Composed of Aluminum Covering Contact Holes and
Methods for Fabricating the Same

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

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1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:
- i. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
 - ii. ☐ Payment of the issue fee
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 - ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been granted
 - iii. ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
 - ☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
 - iv. ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145; or
 - ☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
 - ☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
 - ☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

3. a) Previously submitted
- ☒ Consider the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 simultaneously filed herewith.
(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered)
 - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously submitted on
 - ☐ Other
- b) Enclosed herewith is:
- ☐ An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. §1.98)
 - ☐ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
 - ☒ An amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
 - ☐ New arguments
 - ☐ New evidence in support of patentability
 - ☐ Other:

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))

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4. This application is on behalf of:

☒ Large entity

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

| | (Col.1) | | (Col.2) | (Col.3) | Small Entity | | | Large Entity | |
|---|---|-------|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------|----|--------------------|---------|
| | Claims remaining after amendment | | Highest No. previously paid for | Present Extra | Rate | Add. Fee | Or | Rate | Add.Fee |
| Total | 25 | Minus | 24 | 1 | x\$9= | \$ | | x\$18= | \$18.00 |
| Indep. | 1 | Minus | | | x\$42= | \$ | | x\$84= | \$ |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims | | | | | +\$140= | \$ | | +\$280= | |
| | | | | | Total Addit.Fee | | Or | Total Addit.Fee | |

- (d)
- ☒
- Total additional fee required is \$18.00

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

- (a) No extension of time is required.

TOTAL FEES DUE

7. The total fees due are:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continued Prosecution Fee (§ 1.17(e)) | \$740.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee for additional claims (if any) (§ 1.16(b)-(d)) | \$ 18.00 |
| Total Fees Due | \$758.00 |

PAYMENT OF FEES DUE

8. Please pay the fees for this continued examination application as follows:
- ☐ Charge Credit Card the sum of \$758.00
(Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached)

Please charge any required additional fees for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to

- ☐ Account No. 12-1099 of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A.

INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors:
- ☐ the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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